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SUBJECT: INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND TRADE DATA

REF: STATE 107795

1.THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
STATISTICS (INS)PRODUCES DATA AS FOLLOWS:

A.PRODUCTION.BY MAJOR PRODUCT CATEGORY ONLY.

BELGIUM DOES NOT CLASSIFY PRODUCTION BY BTN OR ANY OTHER
SYSTEM COMPATIBLE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.THIS IS
MAINLY BECAUSE ANY DETAILED LISTING WOULD,IT IS FELT,OFTEN
REVEAL CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION,GIVEN THE
SMALL NUMBER OF FIRMS PRODUCING IN MANY PRODUCT SECTORS
HERE.

B.CONSUMPTION.STATISTICS ARE PRACTICALLY NON-
EXISTENT.AS A ROUGH MEASURE,TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND
OTHERS STUDYING THE BELGIAN MARKET ARE OBLIGED TO CALCULATE
PRODUCTION (BY MAJOR PRODUCT CATEGORY)LESS EXPORTS
EQUALS INTERNAL CONSUMPTION.SUCH FIGURES ARE RENDERED HIGHLY
UNRELIABLE BY THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSIT TRADE N THE
ECONOMY.

C.TRADE.PRODUCT BREAKDOWN HERE IS BY BTN AND THUS
RELATIVELY DETAILED.WHERE ONLY ONE OR TWO FIRMS ARE
PRODUCING A PRODUCT,HOWEVER,EXPORT FIGURES FOR IT ARE
USUALLY KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

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2.IN SUMMARY,THERE IS NOT ONE COMMON SYSTEM OF STATISTICAL
CLASSIFICATION USED IN BELGIUM AND LITTLE CHANCE THAT ONE
COULD BE DEVELOPED FOR PURPOSES OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU
OF STANDARDS (BS) STUDY.THERE IS NO ENTITY COMPILING
THIS SORT OF DATA IN BELGIUM OTHER THAN THE INS.

3IF NBS WISHES NONETHELESS TO EXPLORE THE SUBJECT MORE,

SUGGEST IT PREPARE A LETTER GIVING A DETAILED EXPLANATION
OF ITS NEEDS ADDRESSED, WITH A COPY OF THE EMBASSY (ECONOMIC
SECTION), TO:

DIRECTOR GENERAL
INSTITUT NATIONAL DE STATISTIQUE
RUE DE LOUVAIN 44
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